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Eltweed Pomeroy, La Granja, Donna, Texas



Crinum Kirkii

LILY OF THE ORINOCO—From 12 to 20 flowers on an umbel; flowers from 6 to 7 inches across; petals a satiny white with broad stripe of deep carmine

# Fourth Annual Flower Catalog 1914

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## Crinum Fimbriatum

Angel Lily or Milk and Wine Lily. Flowers a pure white with stripe of pink down petal. Blooms all summer; fragrant.

AUGUST 1st, 1914.

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## Fourth Annual Flower Catalog

“Devotion to beauty and the creation of beautiful things is the test of all great civilization; it is what makes life a sacrament and not a speculation.”

— OSCAR WILDE.

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## Elwood Homeroy

Flower Farm, Testing Grounds, Business Office and Home at

“EL JARDIN TROPICAL,” LA FERIA, TEXAS.  
VINEYARD AT “LA GRANJA,” DONNA, TEXAS.

Both nearly the most Southern point of our United States.

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## Visitors

To the Rio Grande Delta are always made welcome at either of my farms. If you will drop me a postal or telegram to La FERIA, I can generally arrange to welcome you in person. Many interesting plants not grown in any less tropical part of the United States can be seen growing there.

## CANNAS.

The introduction and descriptions in the 1913 catalog need no change for the coming season; one of these will be sent on request.

I put up a few assorted lots of cannas and they sold so well, that they will be made a feature this coming season. The dealer finds it as easy to sell a dollar or fifty cent assortment as one or two tubers and vastly easier to handle. There is more money for you, the dealer, in assortments than in straight varieties; you can do a larger business with greater ease

Each tuber in the assortment is tagged with its name and the whole enclosed in a stout paper bag properly marked. The additional charge is barely sufficient to cover the cost of bags and tags.

The descriptions here given are short but suitable for your catalog; if you want fuller or other descriptions, I will cheerfully furnish them as I try to keep an exact record of every plant growing on my farms.

### DOLLAR CANNA ASSORTMENTS.

Wholesale price 40 cents in less than 50 lots and \$35.00 per 100 in lots of 50 or over.

#### No. 1—TWELVE OLD FAVORITES

New varieties are often only old ones renamed or while perhaps a little different, they are really not quite as good. Here are a dozen old favorites carefully selected for their merit and to give a good assortment. All sold in one package for a DOLLAR, packages not broken.

- 4 Gorgeous Reds, Pennsylvania, Joliet, Atlanta, Pillar of Fire.
- 2 Superb Oranges, Indiana, Wyoming.
- 2 Lovely Yellows, Austria, Burbank.
- 2 Flaming Orange and Yellow, Allemania, Flambeau.
- 2 Stately Foliage Cannas, Musafolia, King of Bronzes.

## No. 2—TWELVE GLORIOUS REDS

For sheer barbaric glory of color, nothing can equal these glowing, flaming yet velvety reds ranging from the deep, midnight beauty of Mephisto, the darkest red canna, up to the fiery Orange—reds of Indiana and Allemania, varying from the enormous orchid blooms of Louisiana, the St. Louis Prize Canna, to the great truss clumps of flowers and in height from the 5 feet of the orchid types to the 2 feet of the dwarf.

5 Orchid Flowering—Louisiana, Uncle Sam, Atlanta, Indiana, Allemania.

5 Truss Flowering—Mephisto, Jean Tissot, Prince Weid, Beacon, J. D. Eisele.

2 Dwarf—Henry George, Mme. Crozy.

## NO. 3.—NINE BRONZE LEAF CANNAS

The foliage on these alone, makes them worth a place in any garden but they have such great glorious flowers that it is hard to choose between the fiery red of King Humbert, the softer more vermillion shade of Carrol F. Read, the currant red of Egandale, the oriental orange of Wyoming, the delicate pink of Shenandoah.

4 Glowing Reds—King Humbert, Wm. Saunders, Carrol F. Read, Egandale.

2 Gorgeous Oranges, David Harum, Wyoming.

1 Pink and 2 Foliage, Shenandoah, Majestic, King of Bronzes.

## No. 4—TWELVE FINE FOLIAGE CANNAS.

These grow from 6 to 8 feet high and the leaves are large, tropical looking and fine, they make a beautiful screen for any unsightly places. There are six green-leafed, four bronze-leafed and two with purple edges, and if mingled, they make a striking effect.

3 each green-leafed, Greenback and Flashlight, 2 each bronze-leafed Majestic and King of Bronzes.

2 Purple edged Musafolia.

## A 75c. ASSORTMENT.

Wholesale price 30c. in less than 50 lots, and \$25 per 100 in lots of 50 or over.

## No. 5—NINE FINE YELLOWS.

Nothing brightens a garden so as the color of light—yellow—and the yellows of cannas are unusually pure. This assortment grades from the pure yellows of the first two and the fainter yellow of love-

ly Richard Wallace, a new canna, to the yellow and reds of the next three and the yellow and orange of the last two. It is a beautiful assortment.

2 Pure yellows, Burbank, Mercedes.

1 White, Moonlight

3 Striking Yellow and Red, Florence Vaughn, Gladiator, Karl Merck.

2 Superb Yellow and Orange, Allemania, Flambeau.

## HALF-DOLLAR ASSORTMENTS.

Wholesale price 22c. in less than 50 lots, and \$19 per 100 in lots of 50 or over.

### No. 6—SIX GORGEOUS REDS.

Louisiana, Joffet, Atalanta, Meteor, Pillar of Fire, King Humbert.

### No. 7—SIX LOVELY YELLOWS

Austria, Burbank, Mercedes, Richard Wallace, Karl Merck, Moonlight.

### No. 8—SIX FINE ASSORTED.

Pennsylvania, Patrie, Louise, Moonlight, Burbank, Musafolia.

## \$1.50 ASSORTMENTS.

Wholesale price 60c. each in lots of less than 50, and \$50.00 per 100 in lots of 50 or over.

### No. 9—TWELVE FASHIONABLE PINKS.

The first three have large, wide, rounded petals, the mark of the highest breeding in cannas, and exquisite coloring. The next four are the old-fashioned pink cannas with longer and narrower petals, but exquisite shades; then come three very lovely bronze and gold combinations. A bed of these will be a wonderful sight.

THE THREE FINEST CANNAS, La Donna, Mrs. Alfred F. Conard, Rosea Gigantea.

4 Lovely Pink Shades, L. Patry, Louise, Mlle. Berat, West Grove.

3 Bronze Leaf Cannas, Shenandoah, Mission, Wabash.

2 Pink and Gold Confections, Venus, Gladioflora.

### No. 10—THE TWELVE LATEST AND BEST CANNAS.

These have four pinks, a white, the peach-blow Alba Rosea, the chameleon Kate F. Deemer, the flaunting Mrs. Carl Kelsey, the wonderfully dark Mephisto, the loveliest yellow, Richard Wallace, and dainty and striking Queen Charlotte. It is the most wonderful

collection attainable. La Donna, Mrs. Alfred F. Conard, Rosea Gigentea, Wabash, Mont Blanc, Imp., Alba Rosea, Kate F. Dreemer, Halley's Comet, Mrs. Carl Kelsey, Mephisto, Richard Wallace, Queen Charlotte.

## NEW CANNAS.

For descriptions of my nearly 70 varieties of Cannas, see last year's catalogue; I have since added the following. The classification of last year is followed.

1-A-a Mrs. Carl Kelsey. This is an orange-scarlet, flaked and striped with gold; petals wavy edged, Green foliage. Height, 5-6 feet, with flower stalk erect and high above foliage. It is almost but not quite the same as Mrs. Kate Grey, Uncle Sam and Joliet.

4-A-b STUTTGARDIA AND MARGEURITE MUHL. At this time these have not yet blossomed, but they are new German Cannas of soft shades of pink and with green foliage. It is claimed they are very fine.

LOUISE and MLLE. BERAT. Green foliage, 3 to 4 feet high, truss flowers of delicate shades of pink, and so near alike it is not worth while having two names for them. The petals are long and narrow, and they belong to the old type of Canna, but are lovely.

7-A-b. DIRECTEUR HOLTZE. Green foliage, 3 to 4 feet, lovely truss of canary yellow flowers, spotted with red. A striking Canna

QUEEN CHARLOTTE. Green foliage, 3 feet high, truss flower of a lovely strong turkey red bordered with gold. It has the same coloring as Gladiator, but more red in the flower and a smaller flower.

NIAGARA. The description of Queen Charlotte applies to Niagara, save that the red is a crimson and the yellow border is a lighter shade, and as the flowers grow old the red becomes almost a pink and the yellow almost a white, making the trusses of odd effect.

## PRICE-LIST.

Important reductions are made in this list as will quickly be seen by comparing with last year's, and this is due to the increased economy in growing in this favored section.

|  | RED FLOWERS. | Per<br>100 | Per<br>1,000 |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Pennsylvania, Joliet .....                 |              | \$2.25     | \$12.50      |
| Louisiana, Mrs. Kate Grey, Uncle Sam ..... |              | 2.25       | 15.00        |
| Atalanta, Parthenope .....                 |              | 2.25       | 15.00        |

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|--|------|-------|
| Mrs. Carl Kelsey .....                                   | 2.50 | 20.00 |
| Splendor, Mephisto ..                                    | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Black Prince .....                                       | 2.75 | 22.00 |
| Meteor, Prince Weid, Jean Tissot, Pillar of Fire ....    | 2.50 | 18.00 |
| Senator Viger, Patrie, Beacon, J. D. Eisele, Duke of M.. | 2.50 | 18.00 |
| Henry George, Philadelphia .....                         | 2.75 | 22.00 |

**BRONZE LEAFED—**

|   |      |       |
|---|------|-------|
| King Humbert, Pacific Beauty, William Saunders .. | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Conowingo, Carrol F. Read, Egandale, New York ..  | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Majestic .....                                    | 2.50 | 18.00 |

**ORANGE FLOWERS**

|               |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|
| Indiana ..... | 2.25 | 15.00 |
|---------------|------|-------|

**BRONZE LEAFED—**

|                                     |      |       |
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| David Harum, America, Wyoming ..... | 2.75 | 22.00 |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------|

**YELLOW FLOWERS**

|                                    |      |       |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Austria, Burbank, Mercedes .....   | 2.00 | 12.50 |
| Richard Wallace, Golden Dawn ..... | 2.50 | 18.00 |

**PINK FLOWERS**

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| La Donna, Mrs. Alfred F. Conard, Rosea Gigantea.... | 10.00 | 50.00 |
| L. Patry, Louise, Mlle. Berat, West Grove .....     | 3.00  | 25.00 |
| Stuttgardia, Margeurite Muhl .....                  | 10.00 | 50.00 |

**BRONZE LEAFED—**

|                       |      |       |
|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Shenandoah .....      | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Mission, Wabash ..... | 5.00 | 35.00 |

**WHITE FLOWERS**

|   |      |       |
|---|------|-------|
| Moonlight, Frau Marie Nagel, Mont Blanc ..... | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Mont Blanc Improved .....                     | 5.00 | 35.00 |

**RED AND GOLD FLOWERS**

|   |      |       |
|---|------|-------|
| Florence Vaughan, Calico .....              | 2.25 | 15.00 |
| Gladiator, Karl Merck, Director Holtz ..... | 2.50 | 18.00 |
| Queen Charlotte, Niagara .....              | 2.50 | 18.00 |
| Mme. Crozy, Flashlight .....                | 3.00 | 25.00 |
| Marvel, Halley's Comet .....                | 5.00 | 35.00 |

**ORANGE AND GOLD FLOWERS**

|                                      |      |       |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Allemania .....                      | 2.25 | 12.50 |
| Flambeau .....                       | 2.50 | 18.00 |
| Venus, Gladioflora, Alba Rosea ..... | 2.75 | 22.00 |

**FOLIAGE CANNAS**

|                      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| Kate F. Deemer ..... | 5.00 | 35.00 |
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## FOLIAGE CANNAS—

|                             |      |       |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| Greenback, Flashlight ..... | 3.00 | 25.00 |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|

## BRONZE LEAFED—

|  |      |       |
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| Majestic, King of Bronzes, Musafolia ..... | 2.50 | 18.00 |
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## ASSORTED UNKNOWN VARIETIES.

|                  |      |       |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Reds .....       | 2.00 | 12.50 |
| Yellows .....    | 1.75 | 11.00 |
| All Colors ..... | 1.50 | 10.00 |

If less than 50 of one variety is ordered, I add 10 per cent to the 100 price.

## BANANA PLANTS.

If given plenty of water, the Musa or Banana will grow luxuriantly even as far north as Chicago and New York. Of course, where there are heavy frosts, it must either be replanted every year or taken inside and protected, but its foliage is so beautiful and the plants can be grown so cheaply in the Rio Grande Delta, that they are worth replanting every year in colder climates. If large, strong 6 to 8 foot plants are gotten, it is probable they will blossom and perhaps mature a few fruit.

## ORINOCO OR HORSE BANANA—

A very hardy variety, bearing a sub-acid fruit, fine for cooking and liked by many for its fruit. Large, fine leaves. Suckers 2 to 4 feet high, 25c each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$15.00 per 100. Large plants, 6 to 8 feet high, 45c. each, \$4.50 per dozen, \$35.00 per 100. These last will weigh between 70 and 90 pounds, and the freight will be heavy. In figuring selling prices this freight must be reckoned.. Small ones boxed; large ones wrapped with burlap.

THE MEXICAN EVER - BLOOMING SINGLE  
TUBE ROSE.

These come from the high table land of Central Mexico. They have tall, stiff stems, flowers pure white, single, delightfully fragrant. They withstand all kinds of wind and weather except hard frosts, commence to bloom in May and are a mass of white till cutdown by frost. They never blight, and the smallest bulb blooms the first season, generally sending up from 5 to 15 flower stalks. If the stalk is cut when the first flower opens and put in water, the flowers increase in size and whiteness, and keep for a week or ten days. Price 50c a dozen, \$2.00 per 100, \$10.00 per 1,000.

## AMARYLLIDS.

**VALUE:** After testing for four years I feel that flower-lovers are only beginning to appreciate the beauty of this large and generally unknown class of plants. Ker, the large green house man of Liverpool, England, calls them "The most gorgeous and beautiful of all bulbous plants." Kelway, the largest plant and seed house in England, says: "These most handsome and brilliant colored flowers are easily grown." Berger of New York City says: "The gorgeous coloring of these lily-like flowers, their dazzling beauty and lasting qualities make them a gem of any garden." Burbank declares: "The Amaryllis is one of the most magnificent of all growing plants."

**WHAT THEY ARE:** Amaryllids are usually called lilies, but the bulb instead of having leaves or scales as in the true lily bulb, has a sheat like the onion bulb. With few exceptions, the lily is a temperate climate plant, loving a cool soil and forest shade and often needing a winter cold to keep its bulb in good health, whereas, the Amaryllid is almost always a tropical plant, being killed where the frost gets into the ground and loving a warm soil and full sunshine. Usually it has strap or sword leaves from 2 to 4 inches broad and from 2 to 4 feet long, of a pleasing shade of green and often curiously curved. The flower stalk or scape usually grows from one side of the plant and bears from 2 to 20 lily-like flowers of great beauty and variety. These plants are evergreen and continuous growers, not dying down as most lilies do after blooming. They do not need a dormant season, but if well cared for, will usually grow two or three flower stalks in a year. Some bloom early after winter, but these varieties usually give me one or two more stalks of flowers later in the season. Most of them flower the year round.

**ITS FUTURE:** The Amaryllids have become partially and will when generally known, become the lilies of the South, because they love its warm soil, and brilliant sunshine. Most lilies grow poorly in that section. In the North they are lovely summer plants, rejoicing in its warm summer sun, and they are lovely house and conservatory plants because easily grown and flowering easily. Because the bulbs can be readily forced and the flowers have fine keeping qualities as well as being very lovely, they should become a fine florist's flower. When grown cheaply enough and in the right varieties, I predict a great future for them.

**VARIETY:** Few know their variety. They embrace the Amaryllis also called Hippeastrum, and either in this class or closely related to it are the Crinum, Pancratium, Lycoris, Ismene, Vallota, Sprekelia, Hymenocallis, Sternbergia, Nerine, Zephyranthes, etc. Already there are between 20 and 30 varieties of these growing on my farm. Burbank says there are over 50 varieties. Wallace, the great English lily specialist, lists 30 and Van Tubergen of Holland

lists nearly 100, and this does not include the new hybrids. The Labelliflos Nurseries in Holland list 60 named variations of the Vittata Hybrid Amaryllis.

**PRICES:** Few know the prices obtained for the finest of these bulbs. Labelliflos lists collection VII of 6 bulbs at 4 pounds 12 shillings, or nearly \$23 for 6 bulbs. Kelway has 18 named varieties for which he asks 21 shillings each, or over \$5.00. Boddington in New York City carries Collection A of Ker, which he sells for \$85 for 10 bulbs or \$8.50 per bulb. These are fancy prices, but they show what rich collectors are buying. No large business can be done at these prices. But I am growing some varieties which I can sell as low as \$10.00 per 100, so that they can be retailed for 25 cents. With the advantages of growth in the Rio Grande Delta, I hope to grow many so as to readily retail from 25 cents to a dollar. This means a great future.

**CULTURAL DIRECTIONS:** In the South where the frost does not get into the ground, the only directions are to plant in a sunny spot not so deep as to cover the neck of the bulb, and water. Of course, the richer the soil the better they will grow, and there must be decent drainage. Also they do not like to be moved often.

As far north as Chicago and New York, it is well to plant in pots and sink in the ground in summer and take into the house when the frost comes. For potting, Dreer says: "Any good garden soil will grow them, but preferably use two parts good fibrous loam to one part of well decomposed cow manure and sufficient sharp sand to make it loose and friable. Water sparingly till active growth begins, but after the plants are in full leaf they must be liberally supplied with water, taking care to provide good drainage."

**IN RIO GRANDE DELTA:** The extraordinarily fertile river silt of the Rio Grande Delta, its warm climate, the entire absence of frost in the ground and its irrigating water, make it an ideal place to grow these bulbs. Last season I had two varieties which were sold entirely out. This year I have 9 varieties of which one is already sold out. Next year I hope to have many more varieties and many more bulbs. Deliveries up to April 1st, and preferably after February 1st, but if wanted for forcing, I can deliver at any time of year.

## AMARYLLIS.

**JOHNSONII (ALSO CALLED BERMUDA SPICE LILY):** Strap leaves 2 inches wide and 2 feet long. Usually the flower scape grows before any leaves come and it rises 18 to 24 inches and has from 2 to 5 lily flowers about 4 inches across, of a glowing, velvety, deep crimson, with a stripe of glistening white down each petal and green star in throat. Flowers will last for days. I have a stock of these but they are already con-

tracted for, but will be glad to take orders for 1915 delivery at \$17.00 per 100, or if less than 50 are ordered, at 22c. each.

**EQUESTRE:** Same as *Johnsonii*, save that flowers are a pure orange without white stripe down petal and with green star in throat. The petals are larger, more rounded, and the flower opens 5 or 6 inches across, and they bear from 3 to 6 flowers on a scape. Price, \$17.00 per 100; if less than 50 are ordered, 22c each.

**VITTATA HYBRIDS:** These are the finest of all *Amaryllis*. The flower has six lovely petals of thick but crisp and velvety texture and they are rounded and wide and open wide till the finest flowers are 8 and 10 inches across. These petals do not curve tightly back as the *Auratum* lily, but just open wide. The colors are red, striped and flaked with white, and the reds vary from an almost maroon to an almost true orange, and then with more blue in the shade to a pink. The white is occasionally a true blue white or paper white, but oftener it is an ivory white, and sometimes almost an ecru. A solid red flower has been evolved, but not yet has a solid white flower been made. Also the pure orange and purple flowers are not yet evolved. Price \$40.00 per 100 in lots of not less than 50; in less lots, 45c. each.

## CRINIMS.

**FIMBRIATUM** Also called Angel Lily and Milk and Wine Lily. Same plant as preceding, but the lily is a pure white with a streak of pink down the center of each petal, delightfully fragrant, and blooms all summer. It is a beautiful flower. Price \$10.00 per 100, and in lots of less than 50, 15c. each.

**KIRKII** Also called Lily of the Orinoco. The sword leaves of this one grow about 2 1-2 feet long and are crinkled. The flower stalks rise from 2 1-2 to 3 feet high and have a cluster of from 12 to 20 flowers. The flower opens wide till it is from 6 to 7 inches across. The color of the bud is a rich deep carmine, and there is a heavy stripe of carmine down the outside of each petal, while inside this is a lighter, softer, crushed strawberry pink. The rest of the petals are a pure white and the texture of the petals is thick, crisp and luscious. It keeps opening blossoms for ten days or two weeks, and when well established will have three or four stalks of blossoms in a season. Price \$30.00 per 100, and in less than 50 lots, 35c. each.

**KUNTHIANUM** Also called Lily of Granada. The leaves on this are at first narrow straps, but as it grows older they grow to 4 inches broad and 3 to 4 feet long. The flower stalk rises 3 to 3 1-2 feet high, and is crowned with an umbel of from 15 to 20 buds, of which there are from 3 to 6 in bloom all the time, and the cluster lasts a week or ten days. The flowers are trumpet-shaped, hanging down in a lovely cluster; each flower is about 10 inches long and

opens 3 to 4 inches wide. Its color is a soft white, striped on outside with a dull but rich deep rose, fading inside into the loveliest seashell faint pink. This is a large plant and should be given a space of about 2 1-2 feet in diameter, and it does not blossom well till thoroughly established, but is then a free bloomer. Price \$35.00 per 100, and in less than 50 lots, 40c. each.

**ORNATUM** Called Argentine Lily. The leaves of this instead of rising make a rosette close to the ground and they are crinkled edged. The flower scape rises about 2 feet high with from 4 to 10 flowers, larger than the Fimbriatum as the petals are larger and open wider with no distinct curl back. The color is a pure white with broad band of dark bluish red down the center. Very fragrant. Texture of flower is thick, firm and luscious. Price \$25.00 per 100, and in less than 50 lots, 30c. each.

**RIO GRANDE** This one requires at least a year to get established before it will blossom. It is very large, requiring at least 3 feet. The leaves are 5 to 6 inches broad and from 3 to 4 feet long, widening in the middle. The bulbs are 7 to 8 inches in diameter, very large and heavy. The flower stalks rise 4 to 5 feet high and have from 10 to 15 large rich flowers, white with a dazzling, very dark carmine streak down center and very fragrant. Price \$6.00 per dozen or 75c. each.

## HYMENOCALLIS.

**CARRIBBAEUM** Also called Spider Lily. Leaves 3 to 4 inches broad, 2 to 3 feet long, of a lovely yellow green. The flower stalks shoot up 2 1-2 feet high and have from 10 to 20 buds, of which two or three open each day, making a blossoming period of a week or ten days. The flower is pure white, has a tube about 6 inches long then spreads out to 2 inches in diameter with delicate frilled edges and from the outside of this come six rays from 5 to 6 inches long and half inch wide, of pure white. Inside and along these rays come green stamens terminating with yellow pollen-bearing anthers, and in the center is the green pistil. Altogether this makes a unique and lovely flower. It is prolific in flower stalks. Price \$10.00 per 100, and in lots of less than 50, 15c. each.



## **DASHEENS.**

**COLOCASIA SP.** The Dasheen or Chinese potato has been cultivated in China and Japan for centuries if not for thousands of years, and it is said there are more of these tubers eaten than of the Irish potato. It is related to the ordinary caladium or elephant's ear, which it resembles in habit of growth, and is both ornamental, interesting and useful. It develops tubers in the ground which are cooked similarly to a potato and have much the potato's texture and flavor with when boiled much the flavor of a boiled chestnut. The leaves by boiling in soda and water once or twice, make a greens hard to tell from spinach. They are of easy growth, requiring 7 months of warm soil and plenty of water with reasonable drainage. Price \$12.50 per 100 tubers, and in lots of less than 50, 15c. each.

## **NIGHT - BLOOMING CEREUS.**

**CEREUS TRIANGULARIS** This awkward-looking, spiny, three or four sided cactus without any leaves bears during the hot weather, one of the most lovely flowers, opening about 8 or 9 p. m., and staying open for three or four hours. The flower is 6 to 8 inches across with many white petals and delicate yellow stamens in center. It is very fragrant, and later bears a handsome fruit called a Strawberry pear. In sections where frost gets into the ground it will have to be taken inside. Like all cactus, it should have dry soil and excellent drainage. Small stocky plants, \$25.00 per 100, and in lots of less than 50, 30c. each.

## **SPINELESS CACTUS.**

**OPUNTIA VULGARIS.** The Spineless Cactus is claimed to have a great future as a forage plant for arid regions. It is at least an interesting curiosity in any garden and may be very valuable. My strain came from Victoria, in Texas, and was cultivated for years at Austin, where it has stood their winters and it will even stand a moderate degree of frost, but where the temperature goes down below 20 degrees it should be taken inside. Unlike most other plants, it should not be transplanted in cool, cloudy weather, but in hot and dry weather. Also it must have good drainage; I advise

planting on a ridge or mound. Slabs or leaves will keep almost indefinitely and grow if planted in warm, dry weather. Slabs \$25.00 per 100, or in lots of less than 50, 30c. each.

## BAMBOO.

**ARUNDO DONAX** A beautiful bamboo reed attaining a height of 12 feet, makes large clumps, is very graceful, has large flower plumes in fall, and is hardy all over Middle States. Strong roots, \$12.00 per 100 in lots of not less than 50, and less at 15c. each.

## UMBRELLA GRASS,

**CYPERUS ALTERNIFOLIA** A graceful grass which looks like a small palm and grows readily anywhere, makes a fine house plant. \$5.00 per 100 in lots of not less than 50, and less at 10c. each.

## PALMS.

I have propagated a few palms for my own planting and home trade and can furnish small potted palms with characterless leaves of the Phoenix Canariensis, Reclinata and Sylvestris, of the Washingtonia Robusta and Filifera and perhaps a few others for 25 cents each; I have not sufficient quantity to quote by the hundred. Also, I have a few fine large palms—prices furnished on application.

## TREES AND SEED.

**CARICA PAPAYA** This tender tropical tree grows so rapidly from seed and is so wonderfully decorative with its large palmate leaves and curious dangling streamers of male flowers, that it is worth growing from seed or the getting of a small tree even if its life is ended by a sharp frost. It can only be wintered in an almost frostless section, but there it grows 15 or 20 feet high in a couple of years and bears heavy crops of its tree melons which when dead ripe are delicious eating if a fine variety is obtained. The trees are dicecious and if fruit is wanted several should be set out so as to be sure of getting both sexes. Seed 25c. a packet, \$20.00 per 100 packets, small pot grown plants \$35.00 per 100 in lots of not less than 50, and in less lots, 40c. each.

**POINCIANA GILLIESII** Also called Bird of Paradise Tree. This dwarf tree with delicate yellow green foliage and lovely yellow flowers, is hardy and little known in the North, where its beauty warrants a large planting. Seed 25c. a packet, \$20.00 pre 100 packets. Small pot-grown trees \$35.00 per 100 and in lots of less than 50, 40c. each.

**CAESALPINA PULCHERRIMA.** Also called Tavasheen Tree.

This tree is tender but it grows so rapidly and is so striking and gorgeous it is worth cultivating even for the summer, and when it can be grown it should be largely planted. It has elegant pinnate foliage surmounted by great terminal racemes of the most gorgeous red and yellow flowers. Very suitable for conservatories, for bedding it in summer and for tropical planting. Seed 25c. a packet, \$25.00 per 100, small pot-grown trees \$35.00 per 100 and in lots of less than 50, 40c each.

## ROSELLE, THE AUSTRALIAN JELLY PLANT.

This plant, an annual, coming from Queensland, Australia, will grow wherever cotton will grow and with much the same cultivation. It blossoms in October and November and after blossoming, a seed pod forms with fleshy red leaves around it. Pick this while still soft, put in a kettle with just enough water to cover and boil, strain, add one-half pint sugar and the juice of one-fourth lemon to each pint of juice and boil till it jellies. It has a delicious flavor, between the currant and the quince, and many prefer to either. It is probably the most valuable jelly plant for the South. It can also be made into jams, pies, puddings, etc. It is easily grown from seed, which should not be planted till the ground becomes warm, and if given plenty of water it will require 8 x 8 feet. It will not mature seed in the colder climates, but in the favored Rio Grande Delta it matures perfect seed. Seed price 15c. per packet, \$12.50 per 100 packets, 50c. an ounce, \$1.00 per quarter pound, \$2.50 per pound.

For two years I have made the Roselle Jelly on a commercial scale, and intend this fall to put up around 500 dozen, and if any readers are fond of delicious jelly I will be glad to quote prices. It is also probable I will put up small lots of Guava Jam and Jelly, Fig Preserve, Kumquat Preserve, Ponderosa Lemon Marmalade and will be pleased to sell you those, also.

## GRAPE VINES.

For three years I have grown thousands of grape vines for my home business; they are entirely of the vinifera varieties (often called Californian), such as Black and Golden Hamburg, Flame Tokay, Muscat, Cornichon, Emperor, Dattier de Beyrouth. I now have about ten thousand growing at La Granja Farm. The vinifera grapes can be grown as far north as Memphis and Dallas, if the vines are bent to the earth and covered with a little straw and dirt. They produce the finest eating grapes grown. They can be grown in hot-houses. I will be glad to quote on application.

## PHOTOGRAPHS.

Photographs have been made of the choicest flowers and plants grown by me, and they will be furnished to make cuts from if returned. Also, if I do not happen to have the photo wanted, I will have it taken as soon as feasible.

## DESCRIPTIONS.

I try to keep the true botanical name and the common name, and an accurate description of every plant grown by me and its habit of growth. If not contained in my list, I will be glad to write descriptions either scientific or popular, and to give any information asked for in my power about plants grown by me.

## SHORTS VS. EARLY ORDERS

It is impossible to grow sufficient to exactly fill your orders, particularly where new plants are being added each year. The early bird catches the worm—in other words, the man who sends in his order early, is sure of getting it filled as he wants it.

No charge for case or packing, and all goods delivered f.o.b. at the railroad station. Unless otherwise directed, packages weighing less than 50 pounds sent by express, over by freight, but on plants I strongly advise they always go by express or parcel post. Terms 30 days, or 2 per cent discount in ten days.

Dean Hole says: "I have found this—after four score years I maintain this—that there is no recreation which brings so much happiness and brightness into a man's life as the recreation of horticulture."

I endorse his sentiment, and if this catalogue aids you even a little, it will give pleasure to

Yours sincerely,

ELTWEED POMEROY,

At El Jardin Tropical, La Feria, Texas

At La Granja Farm, Donna, Texas.



# Why La Feria?

After five years experience in living in the Rio Grande Delta, I have selected La Feria as the location for my home and new flower and fruit farm, El Jardin Tropical, for the following reasons:

**FIRST—SOIL:** The soil is the black, sandy loam, easily worked, very retentive of moisture, wonderfully fertile.

**SECOND—LOCATION:** La Feria is a nice, new little town on the Sam Fordyce branch of the St. L. B. & M. Ry., only 9 miles from the main line and not far enough up the branch and away from the regulating waters of the Gulf of Mexico, to be much subject to sudden sharp frosts in winter and hence it is better for citrus and tender fruits than further west.

The new "El Jardin Tropical" and its surrounding residence section is only half a mile from the railroad station on high land never overflowed.

**THIRD—WATER:** The La Feria irrigating plant is amply sufficient for all present needs and for all probable demands for the next two years and plans to enlarge it are now under way. It is capably and efficiently managed and it is probable an irrigating district will soon be formed there so that the water users will actually own and operate their own plant.

**FOURTH—PEOPLE:** The management are not land-boomers, only looking to sell land but they realize that to get the maximum safe profit from selling their land, they must be country developers and they are doing all they can to quietly and efficiently develop the La Feria district.

## Winter Homes

In order to develop their land, they have reserved about 100 acres of land of this very finest soil and best location, to be developed into from 3 to 15 acre tracts for winter homes.

These homes will be developed by me and adjoin my farm, making a tract of stately and wonderful landscape beauty.

These will be planted from half to two-thirds with citrus and other fruit with suitable wind breaks and ample shade trees and flowers, sites for home, garage, etc., will be left. A comfortable bungalow can quickly be erected to order. The prices when thus developed will be very moderate, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre.

**THE CLIMATE:** September is our rainy month and not as pleasant as earlier or later but from October 1st to May, our weather is balmy, breezy, mild.

Why not come and see these homes and you will likely stay to enjoy one when the north is locked in frosts and ice?

Correspondence solicited with **Eltweed Pomeroy, La Feria, Texas,** or with the **La Feria Land Syndicate, La Feria, Texas,** and **Des Moines, Iowa.**

**The fully developed La Granja Farm at Donna is for sale.**

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Elfreed Homero, La Granja, Donna, Texas

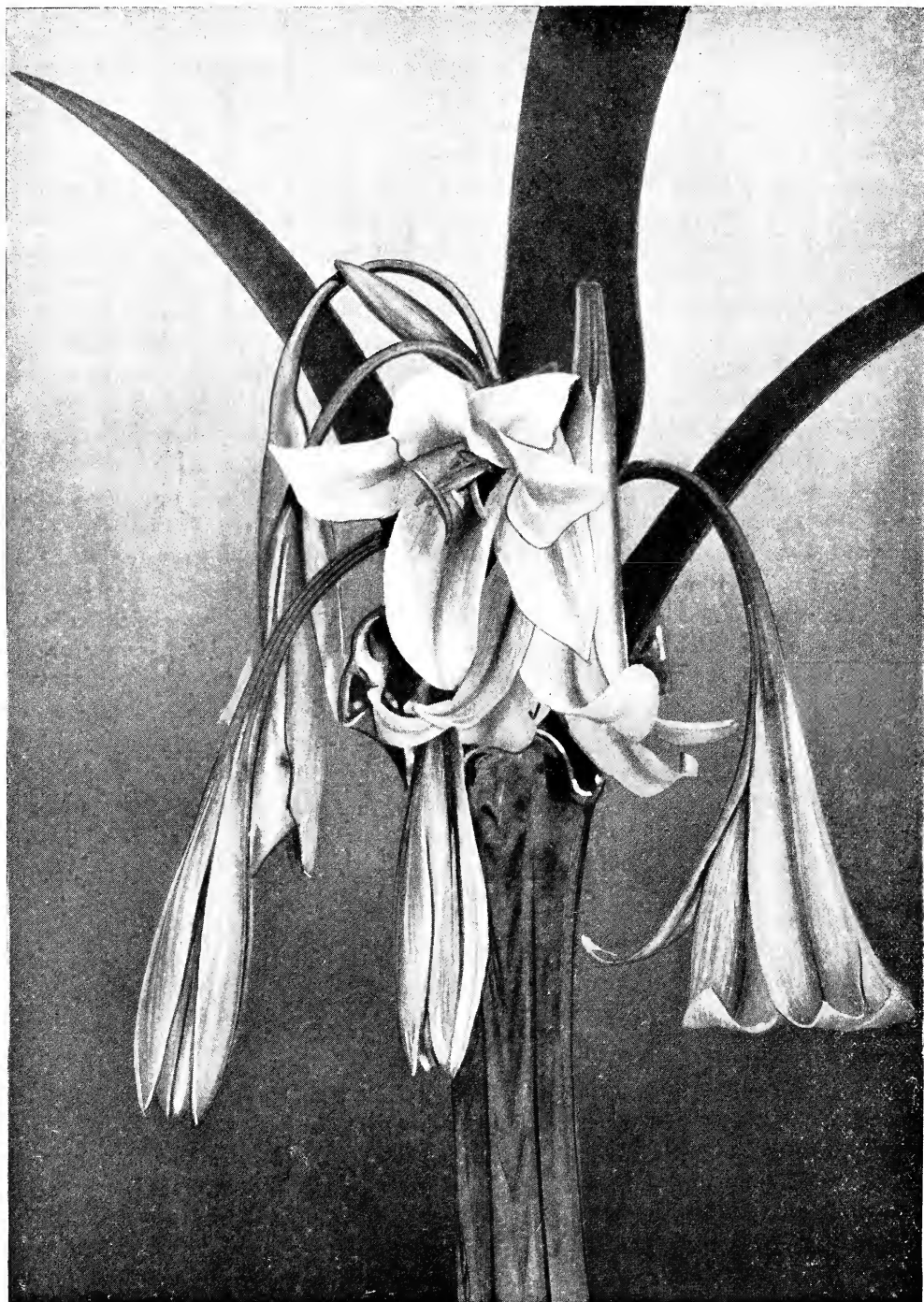


**Hymenocallis Carribaeum**

SPIDER LILY—10 to 20 buds on an umbel; Flower a pure white; tube 6 inches long; frilled centers 2 inches wide; rays 5 to 6 inches long.

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## Crinum Kunthianum

LILY OF GRANADA—15 to 20 buds on an umbel; flower trumpet-shaped; about 10 inches long and open 3 to 4 inches; a soft, dull white striped with rose.